

Woman's Missionary Union

June 13-14, 1982
New Orleans Hilton Hotel

THEME: "Witnessing Women"

Sunday Afternoon, June 13, 2:30-4:30, General Session, Grand Ballroom

2:15—Music New Orleans Style—Brass Ensemble, directed by Leroy Yarbrough
Processional and Preview of Meeting, Introducing All Program Personalities
Congregational Music
Music and Drama: "To Witness, Follow Jesus"—VZ Singers
Witnessing Women in the Bible—Akiko Matsumura, Japan, former president, Asian Baptist Women's Union
Congregational Music
Prayer—Helen Fling, Birmingham, Ala., former president of WMU, SBC
Witnessing Women Today—
Ways to Witness—Ophelia Humphrey, Amarillo, Texas, writer of "Witnessing Women," training kit
Witnessing in Business—Sue Tatum, Yazoo City, Miss., corporate secretary, Mississippi Chemical Corporation
Witnessing in Home Missions—Mary Dan Kuhnle, New Orleans, director of Sellers Home and Adoption Center
Read to Grow—Elaine Dickson, manager, director sales department, Baptist Sunday School Board, and author of "Say No, Say Yes to Change"
Congregational Music
Special Music
New WMU—Report by Carolyn Weatherford, WMU Executive Director
"Follow Jesus"—Musical Benediction by VZ Singers

Sunday, 4:30-5:45 p.m., Receptions and Fellowship

Seminary Fellowship Receptions, hosted by the six Southern Baptist seminaries for their women alumni and other guests
Golden Gate Seminary, Belle Chasse Room
Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Elmwood Room
New Orleans Seminary, Oak Alley
Southeastern Seminary, Rosedown Room
Southern Seminary, with WMU Training School
School Alumnae, Napoleon Room
Southwestern Seminary, Magnolia and Jasperwood Rooms
New WMU Reception, Hosted by WMU for pastors and WMU directors of newly-formed WMU work and for StarTeam members, Melrose Room
Get-Acquainted Time with Program Personnel, Grand Ballroom

Sunday, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Dinner for Women in Ministry, Versailles Room

(By reservation. For women professionally employed in Baptist work)
Devotion and Prayer—Lynne Gurney, Colorado Springs, Colo., campus minister and home missionary, U.S. Air Force Academy
Update on Woman's Role in the Southern Baptist Convention and Its Churches—Sarah Frances Anders, professor of sociology department, Louisiana College
What Women in Ministry Think—Sara Ann Hobbs, Raleigh, N.C., director of missions for Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Sunday, 9:30 p.m. State WMU Fellowships, New Orleans Hilton Mississippi, Elmwood Room

Monday Morning, June 14, 7:00 a.m., Reunion of Former WMU, SBC Executive Board Members

Breakfast (By reservation only)

Monday, 8:00-8:30 a.m., Morning Missions Watch

Morning prayers led by missionaries:
Jaxie Short, Grand Salon A
Mary Dan Kuhnle, Grand Salon B
Patsy Davis, Grand Salon C
Julia Cadenhead, Grand Salon D
Carolyn Crenshaw, Melrose Room
Erica Morris, Belle Chasse Room
Vera Campbell, Elmwood Room
Verlene Farmer, Rosedown Room
Deborah Dahmsi, Magnolia Room
Korean WMU officers, Jasperwood Room

Monday, 9:00-10:45 a.m., General Session, Grand Ballroom

8:45—Music New Orleans Style—Brass Ensemble, directed by Leroy Yarbrough
Congregational Music
Music and Drama: "To Witness, Proclaim Jesus," VZ Singers
Witnessing Women in the Bible—Akiko Matsumura

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capsules

Messengers need cards

A call from Lee Porter, registration secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, asks that Mississippi Baptists be reminded that all messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans need to have their messenger cards properly filled out and documented, and no church may register more than 10 messengers. Visitors and alternates are not expected to register.

Church pension plans boosted

WASHINGTON (BP)—Legislation providing more equitable treatment for denominational pension plans received a boost during consideration by a Senate panel.
Backed by virtually every U.S. denomination—including the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board—S. 1910 drew favorable comments from a treasury department spokesman as well as co-sponsor Sen. John H. Chafee, R-R.I., chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Savings, Pensions and Investment.
Among other things, the bill would permit participants in denominational retirement programs who traditionally have been poorly compensated during their early working years to make greater-than-normal tax deferred annuity payments in later years.

SBC funds help with canal

LA RAMADA, Peru—A canal being constructed in northern Peru with help from Southern Baptist relief funds will bring water to some 1,000 area residents in an area stricken by drought for the past four years.
The 7.5 mile-long canal is being built near Cajamarca at the village of La Ramada, more than 11,000 feet above sea level in the Andes Mountains. Completion is expected by August this year. About 1,000 residents will get drinking and crop irrigation water from the canal.
A grant of \$37,445 provided by Southern Baptists through their Foreign Mission Board helped with initial construction and also bought surveying equipment needed before the project could proceed.

Wyoming elects director

RAPID CITY, S.D. (BP)—John W. Thomason, director of the teaching and training division of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention, has been elected executive director of the Wyoming Southern Baptist Area Fellowship by the Northern Plains executive committee, effective July 1.
Thomason, 45, a graduate of Samford University and Midwestern Seminary, was pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Billings, Mont., before joining the convention staff in 1976.
The Wyoming churches voted last year to organize as a fellowship, a prerequisite to gaining state convention status. In addition, the fellowship must attain a total of 50 churches with combined membership of 12,500 or 70 churches with 10,000 members; a record of two years of cooperation with an existing convention, and giving of at least 10 percent of total receipts through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.
Noting the fellowship now has 53 churches, 29 church-type missions and nearly 12,500 members, Thomason says it will vote to organize as a state convention during the October 1983 Northern Plains Baptist Convention annual meeting.

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Missionaries in Argentina report rise in tension

RICHMOND, Va.—Southern Baptist missionaries in Argentina are feeling increased tension as the result of the British landing in the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), a Foreign Mission Board official just back from Buenos Aires reported.

Thurmon Bryant, the board's area

director for Eastern South America, said the missionaries began to experience greater anxiety after major British landing operations began May 21. "But insofar as missionary activities are concerned," Bryant said, "things are continuing as normal."

The three-man steering committee has been selected to act in case immediate decisions need to be made concerning the missionary. These include Leon White of Alabama, named president of the missionary organization after the former president J. Robert Burtis died of a heart attack May 15; Mel R. Plunk of Texas, vice-president; and Barney Hutson of Texas, treasurer.

Bryant said a city-wide crusade plan in Cordoba this fall has been cancelled. He said he expects to advise Mississippi Baptist leaders not to send volunteers to Argentina at this time. Mississippi Baptists have been working with Baptists in Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay in Partnership convention efforts.

Bryant accompanied Mrs. Burtis and her son May 21 as they brought Burtis' body back to Madisonville, Texas for services and burial May 23. The Burtis' daughter was already in Texas.

Bryant said many of the 52 missionaries remaining in Argentina had

gone to Rosario, about a four hour drive from Buenos Aires, for the annual meeting of the Argentine Evangelical Baptist Convention.

Missionaries are not curtailing their normal church related activities Bryant reported but are trying to avoid "bunching up" as they travel in order to make their American presence less conspicuous in this time of tension in increasing anti-American feelings among the general Argentine public.

Meanwhile a U.S. Embassy spokesman in Buenos Aires said May 22 that the evacuation of non-essential Embassy personnel at Montevideo, Uruguay had been stepped up "until all this blows over."

The Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas which is related to the Foreign Mission Board and sends Spanish material to Spain and Latin America has suspended all shipment of books and other materials to Argentina due to current import restrictions on non-essential goods that Argentina has imposed.

FMB begins building orientation center

By Bob Stanley

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Southern Baptists launched construction May 11 on a new \$9 million missionary orientation center, to be named for Eloise and Baker James Cauthen, and voted to begin work in Gambia, the 96th country to which Southern Baptist missionaries are assigned.

The board also sent fraternal greetings to Argentine Baptists and expressed its "Christian love and concern" for them in the crisis with Britain over the Falkland Islands. "We are praying for you as we anticipate continued cooperation in the future," the message said.

During the groundbreaking for the new orientation center about 15 miles from Richmond, President R. Keith Parks announced that a major part of funds bequeathed to the board by the late Cecil B. Day, founder of Days Inns of America, will be used as an endowment to pay for training of missionaries at the center. This training portion of the center's work will be named for Day and his wife, Deen, who participated in the ceremonies.

Day, who died of cancer in 1978 at the age of 44, left what Parks termed "a significant portion" of his multimillion-dollar estate to missions, with equal amounts going to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. The exact amount of the gift was not disclosed.

Parks said portraits and special plaques will be placed at the center, expected to be completed by the summer of 1984, to honor the Cauthens; Louise and J. Harwood Cochrane of Richmond, and the Days.

Cauthen retired in December 1979 after 26 years as executive head of the Foreign Mission Board. Mrs. Cauthen, the former Eloise Glass, was born in China as the daughter of missionaries, and she and her husband later served there as missionaries.

The Cochranes, members of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Richmond, donated the 233-acre site for the new orientation center and later gave other property in Richmond which will help finance the center's recreation building, to be named in their honor.

Cochrane is founder, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Overnight Transportation, the seventh largest trucking firm in the United States.

Mrs. Day is chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Cecil B. Day Companies, the parent company of Days Inns of America, the sixth largest lodging chain in the country.

The board decided to build its own multiple-use orientation center after renting facilities off season for a number of years at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Ga.

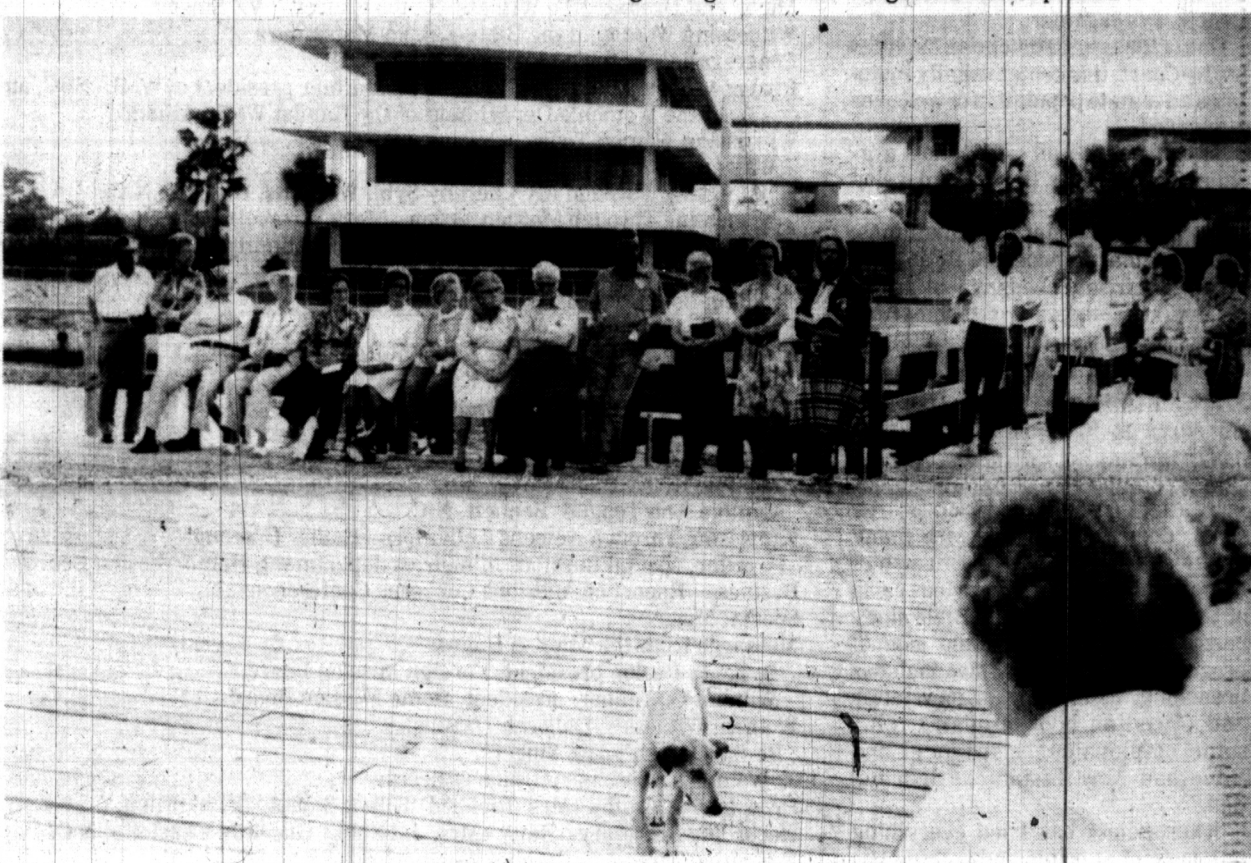
The new center will allow the board to hold three or four missionary orientation training sessions a year as it moves toward its goal of 5,000 missionaries by the year 2000; two training periods for missionary journeymen, the two-year program for recent college graduates; special orientation times for volunteers and student missionaries; and debriefing times for missionaries returning to the United States on their first furlough.

Sunday School tallies new enrollees in May

Each year, at least one month has five Sundays. Mississippi Baptists have adopted May of 1982 to concentrate on Sunday School enrollment in a promotion called "Five Fabulous Sundays." The Sunday School department tallies enrollment from the churches by calling the associations each week during the promotion. The fourth Sunday in May garnered 575 new enrollees in Mississippi Sunday Schools.

About \$2 million of the top construction cost has been received thus far, with special gifts from individuals expected to provide the remainder. The board anticipates no use of income from the Cooperative Program or the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for this purpose.

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Morning watch at Gulfshore

About 100 of the senior adults at their annual retreat at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, attended Morning Watch last week, led by Ethel McKeithen of the Convention Board's Woman's Missionary Union department. She asked the group, "If someone had a need, would they call on you to

pray for them?" In setting aside prayer time every day and deciding what to pray about, Miss McKeithen said one needs to ask "Am I praying with some degree of self-sacrifice or is it just convenient for me?" About 200 senior adults attended the retreat at Gulfshore. Another group is there this week.

Editorial

Baptist Record Sunday—June 6

By Don McGregor

Thirty years ago in March the writer first began an association with a Baptist state paper. It was the Baptist Standard in Texas, and that relationship lasted for 16 years.

Two years in California and more than seven years in Mississippi have combined to make 25 years in the state paper field, with the other almost five years taken up in secular newspaper work and public relations endeavors.

It has been an interesting and rewarding career. Of paramount interest, however, is the observation of Baptist Record Sunday set on the Mississippi Baptist calendar for June 6.

Each of the 34 state conventions in the Southern Baptist Convention framework has a state paper. Some have their own boards of directors elected by the convention; and some have as their board of directors the state executive board, as is the case with the Baptist Record. In addition, the Baptist Record has an advisory committee elected by the convention to counsel with the editor on matters of content, subscription rates, format, policies, and other such pertinent matters.

With 128,800 subscribers, the Baptist Record ranks third or fourth in circulation among the 34 state papers, according to where the Baptist Courier of South Carolina is from week to week.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention constitution establishes the Baptist Record as the convention's periodical in the list of convention institutions, commissions, and boards and notes that its purpose is "for the publication of Baptist and world religious news, and dissemination of Baptist doctrines, the creation of goodwill toward the denomination, and the promotion of the work of the convention and the Convention Board."

As a simple statement of purpose,

we at the Baptist Record define the purpose as helping the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention to carry out their mission of witnessing to the world. The Baptist Record is mailed directly to church members, however, so we more completely define that purpose as helping church members to be better able to function as church members. That in turn helps the church in its mission and is done through the directions set forth in the convention constitution.

So our purpose is one of service. This we want to accomplish as best we can. Baptist Record Sunday was established in order to seek to make church members more aware of the Baptist

Record and its purpose and to promote readership so that its purpose may be carried out.

The Baptist Record belongs to Mississippi Baptists, whether or not they are subscribers. It has more subscribers than any other publication in the state, but it must be read in order to accomplish the purpose that Mississippi Baptists have established for it.

Thus we hope that Baptist Record Sunday will serve to create an awareness of the Baptist Record and thus cause readership to be as high as it can possibly be.

We feel that it is accomplishing its purpose well.

The Record speaks

Article means adoption for three Indian churches

"Church leaks, floor has holes," a Baptist Record article revealed March 5, 1981. Tim Nicholas, associate editor, wrote the article about Bogue Chitto, an Indian church in New Choctaw Baptist Association. The article ran on page 1, beside Nicholas' photos of the building's interior and of the battered crib which is the church nursery.

"Contributions to Bogue Chitto Church were sent from many areas of Mississippi; at least one contribution came from as far away as Birmingham, Ala.," said Dolton Haggan, missionary to the Choctaws.

The Mississippi chapter of Campers on Mission read the article and voted to adopt the Bogue Chitto Church as a partner in missions. This group plans with volunteer labor to help the congregation construct a new building soon.

After persons in Oktibbeha and Warren Baptist associations read the same article, they called Dolton Haggan to ask what they could do. Since Campers on Mission had already adopted Bogue Chitto, Haggan suggested that Oktibbeha Association adopt Mt. Zion and Warren adopt Canaan, both Indian churches in New Choctaw Association. This the associations have done. Now Yazoo Association will assist Warren. They have announced plans to help the churches construct new buildings.

(Anyone with stories of how the Baptist Record has influenced a life is encouraged to write Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205)

New Orleans housing?

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—There is another hope for persons who still need housing for the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans June 15-17.

Following convention action, a bureau has been set up through Gene Richards, pastor of Bridgedale Baptist Church, Metairie, La., to offer accommodations with individual families in New Orleans.

Persons wishing to stay with a Baptist family in New Orleans during the convention should contact Richards at 504-888-6164.

Orientation

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Ron and Anita Coleman Hunt, Oklahomans who were missionaries to Liberia from 1973 to 1979, expect to arrive in Banjul, Gambia's capital, in August and begin a year's language study. The West African nation, a former British colony, is a sliver of land encasing the Gambia River and surrounded on three sides by French-speaking Senegal. The two countries formed a confederation the first of the year, but maintain separate governments.

(Stanley writes for the FMB.)

Taylor named chaplain at detention center

Director Adrian Wright has appointed Sid L. Taylor of Ocean Springs as the first official Protestant chaplain at the Jackson County Detention Center, Pascagoula.

One of the largest detention facilities on the Coast, this center usually maintains an inmate population of well over a hundred.

Taylor has begun conducting worship services and is striving to develop as well-rounded a religious program as is possible under the conditions. "We feel that ministering to an individual's spiritual needs is just as important as taking care of the physical necessities," he said.

Taylor is also director of Prison Evangelism Outreach, Inc., which ministers to inmates, ex-offenders, and their families. Prison Evangelism Outreach ministers also in four other institutions of incarceration on the coast, does liaison work with many inmates at Parchman, and ministers to many other inmates in various parts of the country through its Bible study correspondence courses and pen-pal program. This ministry also includes preaching, counseling, a newsletter and Christian book ministry, plus some employment assistance, and Bible and New Testament distribution.

"Our society has tried everything else to combat crime and nothing has worked. Now it's time we tried Jesus Christ," said Taylor, who is a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Ocean Springs.

Golden Gate lunch

MILL VALLEY, CALIF. — The Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Golden Gate Seminary Alumni Association will be held in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Orleans, Wednesday, June 16, at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets for the luncheon purchased before June 1 will cost \$9. After that, tickets will be \$11 per person.

Added to this year's Seminary activities at the SBC will be a reception honoring all women alumni and guests on Sunday, June 13, from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the Belle Chasse Room of the New Orleans Hilton Hotel. Guest speaker will be Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, president of Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

To order tickets for the annual meeting and luncheon or to make reservations for the alumnae reception, contact Larry C. Baker, vice president for alumni relations, Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. 94941.

Mission Service Corps

for all Volunteers and Interested Persons at New Orleans during the Southern Baptist Convention Wednesday, June 16, 1982 4:00-6:00 PM Burgundy Room A Hyatt Regency Hotel

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WMU Convention

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Congregational Music
Prayer—Christine Gregory, Danville, Va., first vice-president, SBC, and past president of WMU, SBC

Witnessing Women Today—
Ways to Witness—Ophelia Humphrey
Witnessing Where I Am—Elida Reboloso, Farmers Branch, Texas
Witnessing to Women of Venezuela—Patsy Davis, foreign missionary
Witnessing As a Chaplain—Lt. Julia Cadenhead, Great Lakes, Ill.
Read to Grow—Jean Bond, Starkville, Miss., author of "Blanche Groves of China: Indomitable Lady"

Business
Election of Officers
Recognition: Baptist Young Women
Congregational Music
Special Music
President's Address—Dorothy Elliott Sample, Flint, Mich., psychologist, president of WMU
"Proclaim Jesus"—VZ Singers

Monday, 11:15 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Missions Concerns Conference

Monday, 2:30-4:30 p.m., General Session, Grand Ballroom

Special Emphasis: Theological Education for Women
2:15—Musical New Orleans Style, Brass Ensemble, directed by Leroy Yarbrough

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Prayer—Alma Hunt, Richmond, Va., former executive secretary of WMU, SBC

Witnessing Women Today—
Ways to Witness—Ophelia Humphrey
Witnessing As a Volunteer Missionary & Tura Miller, Madras, Ore., Volunteer workers in home and foreign mission fields
Witnessing Among Seminole Indians—Carolyn Crenshaw, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., home missionary

Witnessing in the Philippines—Erica Morris, foreign missionary
Congregational Music
Special Music
Recognition: Southern Baptist Seminaries Today
Theological Education for Women, Then and Now—
Verlene Farmer, home missionary in black church relations, Langston, Okla.

Helen Falls, professor of missions, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Sara Ann Hobbs
Deborah Dahuns, president of Woman's Missionary Union, Nigeria
"Learn of Jesus"—VA Singers

Monday, 4:45 p.m., Acteens Riverboat Trip

(Departing from Hilton Wharf, By Reservation for Acteens and their leaders)

Monday Evening, 7:30 p.m., General Session, Grand Ballroom

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Witnessing Women Today—
Ways to Witness—Ophelia Humphrey
Witnessing Through My Church—Sybil Williams, Holister, N.C.
Witnessing Through Mission Action—Mary Elizabeth Palmer, Atlanta, Ga.
Witnessing in Japan—Vera Campbell, school administrator, foreign missionary in Japan

Congregational Music
Recognition: Acteens
Introducing the 1982 Acteens National Panelists—
Susan Ellen Ballou, Corbin, Ky.
Daphne Burt, Brunswick, Ohio
Cheryl Coleman, Waverly, Tenn.
Holly Hughes, Richardson, Texas
Melanie Knox, Hagerstown, Md.
Cynthia Ann Teague, Bennett, N.C.

Witnessing Through Acteens Activators—Esther Burroughs, assistant director, special missions ministries department, Home Mission Board
Business—Report on Missions Concerns Conferences
Special Music
Messages from the Mission Boards—
R. Keith Parks, president, Foreign Mission Board
William G. Tanner, president, Home Mission Board
Women, Witness!—Deborah Dahuns
"Be the Church"—VZ Singers

1982 Woman's Missionary Union Officers:
President—Dorothy (Mrs. Richard) Elliott Sample, Flint, Mich.
Recording Secretary—Betty (Mrs. J. Frank) Gilreath, Charlotte, N.C.
Executive Director—Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Ala.

Musicians:
Director—Leroy Yarbrough, assistant professor of music, New Orleans Baptist Seminary
Pianist—Gerald Aultman, assistant professor of music, New Orleans Baptist Seminary

Special Music and Drama—VZ Singers, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., directed by Randall Veazey

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SBC politics becomes more visible now

By Dan Martin
and Norman Jameson

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Duke K. McCall, retired president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be nominated for the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention at the annual meeting in New Orleans.

Edwin Perry, spokesman for a "group of Louisville pastors and laymen" said: "Duke is not a candidate in the sense of running for office, but if his name is presented, he will not withdraw; if elected, he will serve."

McCall, 67, who became chancellor of the seminary with his retirement in February, was in eastern Europe with a Baptist World Alliance tour and unavailable for comment. He is president of BWA, which represents 30 million Baptists around the world.

Others prominently mentioned as potential nominees are Jimmy Draper, pastor of First Baptist Church of Euless, Texas; Edwin Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Houston and current president of the SBC Pastors' Conference; John Sullivan, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church of Shreveport, La., and Perry Sanders, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lafayette, La.

Also mentioned are Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church, and Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn., and immediate past president of the SBC.

Also, a Louisville pastor, Leslie Hollon, 27, of Finchville Baptist Church, has mailed "prayer covenants" to 1,000 Southern Baptist churches, asking members to sign the petitions in an effort to draft Evangelist Billy Graham for the denominational presidency. Hollon says he has not talked with Graham, who apparently is not even aware of the effort, but said he hopes the evangelist would be "open to God's will."

In announcing McCall's nomination, Perry said: "He (McCall) is a world statesman. We need him. Many of us have been waiting for someone to emerge. If someone else with a sense of the historical integrity and worldwide vision of the denomination had emerged, he would not have allowed his name to be presented."

Perry referred to efforts by a "takeover group" within the denomination to control the presidency, and with it appointment to several powerful committees, and said: "We feel another heavy victory by the takeover group... will hamper, hinder and alter the character of our institutions and agencies, especially our cooperative missions effort at home and abroad. That is why we are so concerned."

Perry, who took part in an effort in 1981 to thwart the movement, said the SBC "is, in effect, a house divided," and said that "many of us fear" the convention is "facing radical character change... disintegration. We cannot go on very much longer divided without separation beginning."

Draper said his final decision on whether to allow nomination "will be made after we get to New Orleans. I am an idealist and I want to feel I am needed to be nominated."

He commented he believes Young "to be the most electable man" because Young will receive high visibility as president of the Pastors' Conference. "I would not want to compete with him for it (the presidency). I am not saying for sure I wouldn't; my feeling is that I would not want to," Draper said.

Young said his "primary concern" is the Pastors' Conference and the evangelistic rally in the Louisiana Superdome. "I haven't given any serious consideration to the presidency. I want to do the job with the Pastors' Conference, to set the tone of evangelism and missions for the convention. I don't have any sense of leadership or guidance about this thing (the presidency)," he added.

The Houston pastor said he "does not plan to be nominated," and said if he were to use the pastors meeting as an "overt stepping stone" it would take away from what "God wants to do in the meeting."

Sullivan said he will be nominated but does not yet know who will do it. He said he was "surprised" by McCall's decision to be nominated, adding he is the only publicly announced nominee McCall's candidacy would

hurt because no votes for McCall would go to an announced "conservative" candidate, but may go to him.

"I've said all along I think the term is convention control," Sullivan said. "The group that announced its intentions to take control of convention boards and agencies is using theology as an in. I do not see the great problem of the denomination right now as theological."

Sullivan believes the SBC president "must work from the middle of the constituency and not from either end," and said he represents the mainstream of the denomination because he is "right in the middle."

"The denomination is a broad-based, cooperative organization to do the work of Christ," Sullivan said.

"I see myself as a conservative who's not angry about it," Sullivan said.

Sanders, mentioned early as a likely candidate, said he did not "run" for the office but is undecided on whether he will allow himself to be nominated. He is a close friend of Sullivan, but said Sullivan's candidacy will not affect his decision.

Sanders, 54, has been active on the evangelism circuit the past year, preaching in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Alabama. At the 1981 SBC meeting in Los Angeles, Sanders delivered the closing address and was interrupted by applause 12 times, mostly, he said, after making strong theological points.

He considers the presiding function of the SBC president an enormous part of the presidential responsibility. For such, he feels experience beyond presiding over church business meetings is important.

"I'm going to make my decision exclusively on the basis of what the Lord would have me do at this time in my life," Sanders said. He said people who may vote for him would be people concerned about denominational total support, and cooperative missions. But he said, the same people could vote comfortably for Sullivan or McCall for the same reasons.

Jackson, nominated in 1980, said he will not be a nominee, and expressed disappointment in the excessive energy expended in electing a president. "I have only one desire in my heart," Jackson said. "That is that Southern Baptists return to having messengers who vote the convictions of their hearts at the time of the convention, and not delegates who vote by manipulation of politicians beforehand."

Rogers, who bowed out after serving only one term, said he has "no desire... no ambition to be nominated," but declined to definitely rule himself out. "However, I can't imagine circumstances which would precipitate that (his nomination)."

(Martin is BP news editor; Jameson is BP feature editor.)

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Senior adults crowned

At senior adult week at Gulfshore, participants elect a king and queen. Last week's court included from left, Jerry and Vonele Danijick of First Union; Queen Thirstine Smith of Macedonia, Brookhaven and King Phil Blackwell of Calvary Greenville; Tina and Claude Douglas of McDowell Rd, Jackson; and Sue Smith of Fairview, Columbus and H. L. Hutcherson of Daniel Memorial, Jackson. King Phil is being crowned by Joe McKeever, pastor of First Church, Columbus, and a Bible study leader last week.



Clemmie Smith of Macedonia, Brookhaven, plays a hot game of dominoes with Troy Hammons of Central Baptist Church, Marshall, Tex.



Meg Perkins of Moss Point prays in a musical while Mrs. Irma David of First Church, Biloxi, holds her. Senior adults performed the musical "Kingdom Within" during senior adult week at Gulfshore. The week includes many Bible studies and conferences especially designed for senior adults.

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MBS awards degrees to 72 grads on Friday

Mississippi Baptist Seminary will hold its 39th commencement exercises on Friday, May 28, 1982 at 10 a.m. at The Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 1245 Tunica Street in Jackson.

The Commencement speaker will be Odell McGlothlin, president of American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville. McGlothlin has served as director of publications for the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. He has been pastor of churches in Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, and Tennessee.

A native of Valden, Miss., McGlothlin holds earned degrees from Judson College; Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, and earned the master and doctor of education degrees from Wayne State University.

The seminary will award academic degrees and certificates to 72

"Language to hearing impaired" course offered

Mississippi College, in cooperation with the Magnolia Speech School for the Deaf, will offer "Teaching Language to the Hearing Impaired" June 14-18 and applications are now being accepted.

The 45-clock hour workshop may be taken for credit or non-credit and enrollment will be limited to the first 50 registrants. The workshop is approved for credit toward certification by the Council on Education of the Deaf and application has been made for approval for CED credit for speech pathologists and audiologists.

All sessions will be held at the Magnolia Speech School, 733 Flag Chapel Road in Jackson.

Persons desiring additional information about the workshop should contact Hollis B. Todd at 924-5131, Ext. 229, or Charles Gammel at 922-5530.

Peace sabbath service planned

An interfaith group has planned an outdoor service for peace on Sunday, May 30. The service will be held in Jackson's Smith Park at 4:30 p.m. In case of rain, it will move to St. Peter's Catholic Cathedral.

This event has been arranged by individuals from a variety of traditions including United Methodists, Catholics, Episcopalians, Christian Church (Disciples), and National Baptists all participated in the planning. Their aim has been to involve all people of faith in prayer and witness for peace.

Featured speakers for the event will be William Houck, Auxiliary Bishop of the Catholic Church, and Leslie Dunbar of the Fund for Peace.

The service will be preceded by a "Walk for Peace" from the parking lot of Memorial Stadium, down North State Street, to Smith Park.

Staff Changes

Larry Corder became pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Macon, on May 1. He moved from First Baptist Church, Blakely, Ga., where he was minister of music and youth. There he was ordained to the gospel ministry. Corder is a native of Tuscaloosa, Ala. He is a graduate of University of Alabama and Southwestern Seminary. He has been called to the pastorate after having served for 15 years in music and youth ministries in Alabama, Texas, and Georgia. His wife is the former Brenda Savage of Tuscaloosa. They have two children, Lance and Lauren.

Shaw Baptist Church, Bolivar Association, recently welcomed a new pastor, Peter Haik, and his family. He moved from Arcola Church in Washington County where he had served for two years. He and his wife, Wanda, both from Greenville, are graduates of Delta State University. Haik received his master of divinity

Warren Association will form partnership with Canaan Church

Warren County Baptist Association has voted to assist the Canaan Baptist Church, on the Choctaw Indian Reservation at Philadelphia, in building a new church.

The building now in use was built in 1940 and is in extremely bad condition. The church has 50 resident members. Although their income is very limited, they have saved \$7,000.00 toward the cost of a building.

Plans have been drawn up for a 29 x 74 concrete slab, frame and brick veneer building, which will seat 100 and include baptistry, four Sunday School rooms, and two restrooms. Usable lumber from the present structure will be used.

Yazoo Association has adopted an

graduates, 26 of whom attended the Main Campus located in Jackson. The remaining number of graduates attended one of the Seminary's 25 Extension Centers located across the State. Richard Brogan is president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, and Hickman Johnson is dean of academic affairs.

Reception to honor author

Mississippi Baptist Seminary will present Aaron Isaiah Jones and his new book, *God's Promises to Preachers*, during a reception honoring the 1982 graduating class and the faculty of the seminary. Jones, candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree, will be available to autograph his new book.

The reception will be held at the seminary immediately after graduation exercises at Mt. Nebo.

Jones is professor of preaching and systematic theology at Mississippi Baptist Seminary, 3160 Lynch Street, Jackson. *God's Promises to Preachers*, his first book, was completed during his tenure as dean of Natchez Junior College in 1979.

He was dean of students and professor of English and Old Testament at Mississippi Baptist Seminary from 1967 to 1978 as a missionary-teacher hired by the Home Mission Board, SBC. His book was recently released by Broadman Press, and will be available at Baptist Book Stores.

The author did his undergraduate work at American Baptist College of A.B.T. Seminary, Nashville, Tenn. He received the M.S.Ed. degree at Jackson State University and Th.M. degree at Mississippi Baptist Seminary. He received a doctor of divinity degree from Baltimore College of the Bible, Baltimore, Md. in 1973.

Jones is president of the Progressive Baptist State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress and pastor of the Pearl River Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Monticello, Miss. A native of Gulfport, he is married to the former Mary Jane Crum from Biloxi. They have four children.

MC slates Wed. N.O. breakfast

Mississippi College alumni and friends attending the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, La., in June are invited to a complimentary breakfast on Wednesday, June 16, in the Russell B. Long Room of the Rault Center Hotel just across from the Superdome.

Bernard Blackwell, director of alumni affairs and host for the event, said the breakfast would be from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Coffee, sweet rolls and juice will be served and no formal program is planned.

Mississippi College will also have an exhibit set up in the Superdome exhibit area and alumni and friends are invited to visit the booth throughout the convention, Blackwell said.

N.O. parking very limited

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Parking will be very limited for the 1982 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in the Louisiana Superdome, according to local arrangements officials, who urge all messengers—especially those staying downtown—to use the New Orleans bus system.

For the morning and afternoon sessions, all adjacent lots and two-thirds of the parking at the Superdome will be used by New Orleans residents who work in the downtown areas. The entire parking supply will be available only for the evening sessions.

Cost for the parking will vary. Daytime parking—6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.—will be \$2 in the Northwest Garage and \$2.50 in all other garages. Nighttime parking will be \$3 in all garages. The prices do not include in-out privileges.

Space will be available for 70 buses and 30 campers in the Superdome side lot at a cost of \$55 for Sunday-Thursday or \$35 for Tuesday-Thursday. Permits for bus and camper parking are available through the Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans, 2222 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, La. 70122, or by telephone at 504-282-1428.

The camper/bus permits provide in-out privileges, but overnight parking is prohibited. The permits, available first-come, first-serve, become valid at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 13.

According to local arrangements officials, messengers may use the shuttle bus system in the downtown area. A map of the routes will be included in messenger packets. Cost of the ride is 20 cents, and the buses run every eight minutes from 6:30 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.

A night shuttle service will be provided on Tuesday and Wednesday only, at a cost of 50 cents per ride. The buses will run from 9 to 10:30 p.m.

Regular bus service also is available to messengers, particularly those lodging on Tulane Ave. Buses run every 15 minutes from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and cost 40 cents per ride.

For airport transportation, buses run on a variable schedule to the New Orleans airport at a cost of 65 cents one way.

Taxis are available for a 90-cent drop charge and 80 cents per mile. The charge airport to downtown is \$18.25 for up to three persons, or \$6 per person for four or more.

Large Church Stewardship meet is set

A Mississippi Baptist Large Church Stewardship Conference is set for Lake Taik-O'-Khata at Louisville, July 19-20.

The conference is designed especially for pastors, ministers of education and business managers of the 56 Mississippi Baptist churches which have budgets of over \$400,000. Participation is by invitation from the Mississippi Baptist Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion department.

Program personnel will speak on such topics as budget development, stewardship education, and computer services.

Speakers include Robert Kilgore, director of the Home Mission Board's Church Loans division, William O'Brien, vice president of the Foreign Mission Board, John Rush, associate director at the SBC Stewardship Commission, and Winfred Moore, pastor of First Church, Amarillo, Tex., plus a number of Mississippi Baptist church staffers.

Camping, large group housing may be open

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Two more housing opportunities are available for Southern Baptists planning to attend the annual meeting June 15-17 in New Orleans.

Although space among hotels cooperating with the convention housing bureau is long gone, three local universities and the YMCA have large-group space available. Also, there are four campgrounds within 20 minutes of the Louisiana Superdome, site of the meeting.

Persons still wishing accommodations for large groups should contact Blake Touchstone, Tulane University, 504-865-5426; Monica McClure, University of New Orleans, 504-286-6585; Manny Kinard, Loyola University, 504-865-3622; or Loraine Hofmann, YMCA, 800-568-9622.

There is no on-site overnight camping at the Superdome. Four nearby campgrounds and reservation telephone numbers are: Park D'Orleans I, 504-241-3167; Parc D'Orleans II, 504-242-6176; New Orleans Travel Park, 504-242-7795; and New Orleans West KOA, 504-467-1792. A fifth campground, New Orleans East KOA, is within 35 minutes of the Superdome, phone 504-643-3850.

Working together-blessing of Chickasaw tent revival

A two-week associational revival in Chickasaw County was a valuable experience, according to leaders of the event.

The 18 Baptist churches in the county held a tent revival April 25-30 at Van Vleet and May 2-7 at Sleepy Hollow. The tent is owned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Evangelism department. Guy Henderson, that department's director, was the preacher at Sleepy Hollow. Dan Hall, who directs the MBCB

Church Music department led music there. Mel Craft, pastor of Richland Baptist Church, preached, and Hubert Greer, music evangelist from Brookhaven, led music at Van Vleet.

Bryant had presented the pastors with census information showing that the county had fewer churches and less church attendance than adjacent counties, making an evangelistic project such as the tent revival a practical idea.

James Cannon, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Houston, and associational evangelism chairman, said the one thing he'd heard from participants "is the many other church members in the association they were privileged to meet and work with. Working together was a great blessing, not to mention one man surrendered to the gospel ministry along with eight professions of faith and 38 who registered rededications."

The association held a Lay Evangelism School for the pastors led by Ferrell Conk, pastor of First Church, Aberdeen. And 75 laypersons served on various preparatory committees.

Already, Hollis Bryant, foster missionary for the association, and staffer with the MBCB Cooperative Missions department, presented a suggestion to the pastors that they participate in simultaneous crusades in 1983. They agreed unanimously and will hold revivals the last week in April next year.

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Lewis will lead "Adventures in SS Growth"

Ron Lewis, senior consultant for Church Growth Designs in Nashville, will lead two conferences in Mississippi called "Adventures in Sunday School Growth."

The conferences will take place Wednesday, June 2, at the Ramada Inn Coliseum, in Jackson, 9:30-3 p.m.; and Thursday, June 3, at 15th Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, 7-9:30 p.m.

These seminars will discuss barriers and building blocks for Sunday School growth, help identify growth agents and strategies. They are designed for pastors, educational directors, other related staffers, and all church elected Sunday School leadership.

The meetings are sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Sunday School department. Lewis is co-author of "Designs for Church Growth," published by Broadman and is a former Sunday School Board church growth consultant.

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The contribution of the First Baptist Church of Rose Hill in Jasper Association to the Lottie Moon Offering, published in the April 22 issue of the *Baptist Record*, was inadvertently credited to the Rose Hill Baptist Church of Smith Association by the Convention Board office when it arrived without a remittance slip. The contribution was \$500.

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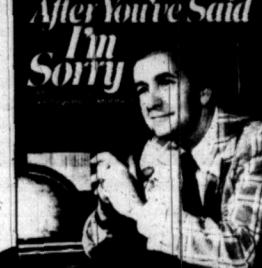
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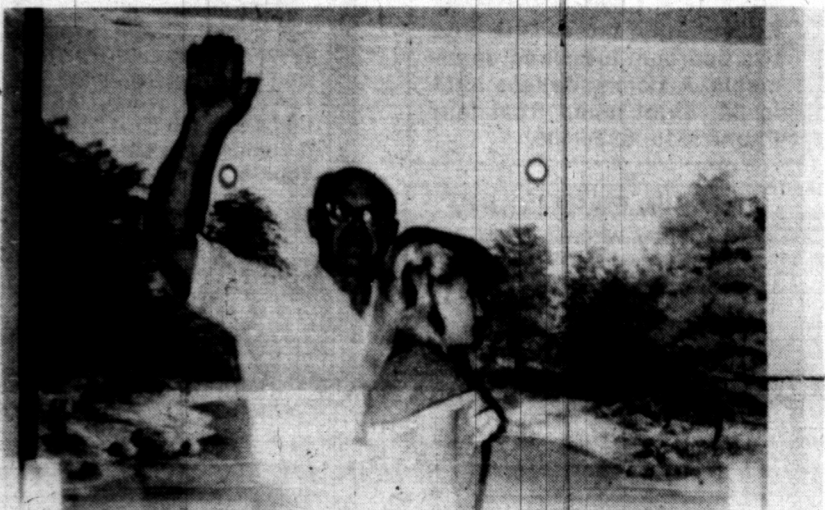
Just for the Record



THE SMILEY CHOIR of First Baptist Church, Mathiston, Miss., will present the musical, "Music Machine," at the church May 30. The choir is made up of children, first through sixth grades. Directors (back row left) are Marcia Crowley and Julia Faulk. The other adults in the picture, at right, are Thurman Hall and Barbara Fortner, who will sing solos in the musical. Rob Faulk is music director; Higdon Herrington is pastor.



Louin Baptist Church, Louin, has dedicated a new organ. Left to right, back row: Mrs. Ruby Hennington, Truett Carr, W. P. Miley, pastor, and Auzilia Ishee. Front row: Robert Lightsey of Clinton-Harrington Piano Company, Laurel, and Mrs. Bessie Waldrup, church organist. Not shown: Ray Pugh, minister of music. The new Baldwin church organ was dedicated Sunday morning, April 5. Mr. Lightsey presented the keys to Mrs. Waldrup, as shown.



JOHNS BAPTIST CHURCH, RANKIN COUNTY, recently dedicated its new baptistry. Five persons were baptized into the fellowship of the church. Pictured are the pastor, W. J. Murray, and Kern Murray (no relation). Also the fellowship hall of the church has been divided into three Sunday School rooms by the installing of folding doors.



GOSS BAPTIST CHURCH of Marion Association recently held a fund raising campaign, in preparation for building a Family Life Center. Materials provided by the state Stewardship Department led Goss beyond all three goals set \$127,000, \$130,000, \$150,000 to a total amount of \$206,000. Pictured is the Steering Committee for the campaign. Left to right, front row: Nell Buckley, Carline Morgan, Jerry Cutrer. Back row: Carolyn Buckley, Gordon Fortenberry, Dudley Williamson and Christine Breakfield. (Not pictured are Mike Buckley, and Jerry Mixon, pastor).

Missionary News

John and Sarah Perkins, missionaries to France, are the parents of David Carl, born March 9. They may be addressed at 8, Rue Leon Blum, 33400 Talence, France. He was born in Montgomery, Ala. The former Sarah Grant, she was born in McComb, Miss., but grew up in Burgin and Louisville, Ky., and Drew and Jackson, Miss.

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Glenn and Polly Morris, missionaries to Thailand, have returned to the field (address: Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand). He is a native of Atlanta, Ga., and she is the former Polly Love of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Smith, missionaries to Indonesia, are on a temporary assignment in the Philippines (address: Box 26, Dagupan City, Philippines). They are natives of Brookhaven, Miss.; she is the former Nell Brock.

Joe and Beverly Tarpley, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: P. O. Box 211, Jos, Nigeria). He was born in Nashville, Tenn., and grew up in Jackson, Miss. She is from Jackson, Miss.

Tom and Robbie Pettet, missionary associates to Nigeria, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: Baptist Seminary, Box 30, Ogbomoso, Nigeria). They are natives of Philadelphia, Miss.

The Jimmy Knight Evangelistic Association will expand its ministry soon to include a five-minute daily devotional from a 50,000 wall radio station located on St. Kitt's Island in the Caribbean Sea. The Caribbean area has about 6 million English-speaking people and around 9 million Spanish-speaking people (many of whom also speak English).

The Jimmy Knight Evangelistic Association has headquarters at Route 2, Box 217, Laurel, MS 39440.

The association presently airs a program each weekday morning at 10:05 on Station WABO, 990 AM, Waynesboro. Free Bible studies are available for the asking by writing to the above address, said Knight.

Clarke County Baptist churches responded to an appeal made by Dondoy Biadog for Bibles for needy persons in the Philippines, and sent 224 Bibles and \$125.00 to buy Bibles in a Philippine language. Biadog was converted while living in the Philippines, and May 3, 1981, was ordained to the ministry by the Center Ridge Baptist Church, Clarke County Association. Now he is in the Philippines on a five-weeks preaching and witnessing tour.

Central Baptist Church, Brookhaven, gave \$3,500.00 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions in 1981 and \$2,026.57 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions in 1982. The initial goals were \$1,850.00 and \$700.00 respectively. In addition to the special offerings to missions, the percentage of the church budget to the Cooperative Budget has been raised. Mrs. Larry Welborn is the W.M.U. director, Garland Brown is the Baptist Men's director, and Paul Wilson is pastor.

Dallas Holm & Praise, contemporary Christian musical group, has scheduled two concerts in Mississippi the first week of June. The group will appear in Greenwood on Thursday, June 3, at the Leflore Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. and at the Trace Convention Center in Tupelo on Friday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$6.50, \$8 at the door and are available at Christian bookstores in each city. For further information, contact Praise Ministries in Mobile at 205/661-3163.

Oral Baptist Church, Lamar Association, recently held ground breaking ceremonies for the addition of a fellowship hall and five additional classrooms. Rayford Moore, pastor, was in charge of the ceremony. Spades were turned by Chairman of Deacons, Jerry Rawls, Chairman of Building Committee, Harvey Fillingane and Chairman of Finance Committee, Kenneth Fillingane. Many of the members were on hand to observe and assist in the ceremony.

Among ten business and professional leaders named to three-year terms on the board of directors of Southern Seminary Foundation during the annual spring trustee meeting of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was one Mississippian, John T. Keeton, Jr., attorney, Grenada.

In a recent article concerning the Mississippi Keyboard Festivals, the name of one recipient of an honorable mention award was omitted. That person is **Lysanda Lee of Cleveland**. Her teacher is Christine Jones.

236 profess faith, during Clarke crusade

The Clarke County Area Crusade with evangelist Danny Lafferty and his associate, Jim Hill showed visible results in the services, homes and schools. A total of 236 persons made professions of faith during the six days, April 25-30.

Knights Valley Church and Northrup Chapel, along with their pastors, Harold McInnis and Tommy Parker, cooperated in the revival effort.

"At least 12 of our 30 churches in the Clarke Association will have persons added through baptism as a result of the crusade, I believe," said Grady Crowell, director of missions.

Arlis Nichols led the music. Three women played the piano—Mrs. Hill, Mrs. McInnis, and Mrs. Crowell.

"Above all, thanks to God for his blessings during this week of crusade," added Crowell.

Services began in a tent, but bad weather caused them to be moved to Northrup Chapel. Since the time of the meeting, Northrup Chapel had 18 additions on one Sunday alone.

The revival team held services in many schools of the area. As a result, at least 100 professions of faith were made during a service at one school. Follow-up contacts have been made, both by the evangelist and by the director of missions. Letters have been sent to the converts and to their pastors.

Three are graduated from Midwestern

Three Mississippians participated in the 22nd annual commencement exercises at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., May 15.

Seminary President Milton Ferguson conferred degrees and diplomas on 98 graduates. Rheubin South, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention, delivered the commencement address.

Mississippi graduates included Tommy W. Goode, who received the diploma of theology. Goode attended Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, and Union University in Jackson, Tenn. Married to the former Elaine Paton, he is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Riverside, Mo.

Sue Anne Bartels Lanham, former Mississippian, was awarded the master of religious education degree. She is a ministry intern in Englewood Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Dennis B. McKay, a graduate of Mississippi College, was recipient of the master of divinity degree.

Names in the News

Danny Powell was one of 18 students at New Orleans Seminary elected by the student body to participate in student chapel days May 4-13. Powell, of Moss, Miss., preached in the morning worship service in Roland Q. Leavell Chapel May 12.

Cleverness is serviceable for everything, sufficient for nothing.—Amiel



FOUR STUDENTS were inducted into the Mississippi College Hall of Fame during recent Honors Day ceremonies. Left to right, the four were KARY GARNER WHITEHEAD, Columbia, member of First Baptist Church, Clinton; VICKI LYNN KUYKENDALL, McComb, member of Navilla Baptist Church, Pike County; RACHEL WILLIAMS, member of First Baptist Church, Newton; and JOHN GIBSON, member of Wesleyan Drive Baptist Church, Macon, Ga.



HAL FISHER of Blue Mountain (second from the right) was honored as the recipient of the Founders' Award during Honors Day ceremonies at Mississippi College. The Founders' Award is presented annually to the graduating senior who best exemplifies the ideals of the founders of the institution. Van D. Quick (r), Vice President for Student Personnel, made the presentation as parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Harold Fisher look on. His father is president of Blue Mountain College.

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Frances Landrum Tyler

When I was a GA, I learned names of the SBC WMU officers. One was Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, recording secretary.

I wondered what a recording secretary did. A few weeks ago Dr. Tyler told me that from 1938 to 1957 (years she held that office) she recorded the minutes at every annual meeting of the WMU, SBC, plus minutes for every semi-annual WMU board meeting.

When I was in college I read an unforgettable book about the Christian home—*The Little World of Home* (Broadman, 1949) by Wilfred and Frances Tyler. (They also wrote *Touch and Go*, on the challenge of Christian parenthood, and for 12 years wrote a column in *Home Life*—"Let's Read.") Mama read *Pray Ye* by Frances Landrum Tyler, (Broadman, '44) a bestseller among Foreign Mission Board selections.

Dr. Tyler is a speaker known worldwide, and a professor with a PhD degree from Ole Miss who has taught Old Testament and American literature at Blue Mountain College since 1946. Recently I spent three hours at her little white Victorian house in Blue Mountain (she calls it the Pine Tree) where she moved from the college president's home after her husband died in 1965.

Her interior decorating is as her dress—neat, original, exquisite, in perfect taste. I didn't need to ask her favorite color. A pink theme ties all the rooms together—pink curtains at all the windows, pink cushions on sofas and chairs, pink bedspread, pink carpet in the bathroom; floor-length pink cloth on the dining table, pink refrigerator. When the geraniums in the kitchen blossom, I feel sure they will be pink.

Though she said she was born in 1906, she looks nearer 56 than 76. Her blue silk dress matched the blue of her eyes; her white hair was done in a becoming upswept style. Her slender figure, a petite size 5, kindled in me a little flame of envy. As we talked, I found out that Wilfred Tyler was her teacher when she was in high school.

"How do you like teaching?" Tyler's mother asked the young man who had grown up in Brookhaven and begun teaching in Laurel.

"I like it all right," he answered, "if I could keep those girls on the front row from giggling." One of those girls was Frances Landrum. He didn't know she was writing in her physics book: "Mr. Tyler has five suits—the blue one, the checked one, the striped one," and so on. Neither knew it then, but they were destined to marry Dec. 28, 1932. For the wedding she wore a fabulous lace veil bought in Brussels and loaned her by a seminary prayermate, Mrs. Shad-Medlin-to-be. Alma Hunt came by train to the wedding.

After their marriage, her husband was pastor of College Avenue Baptist Church, Annapolis, Md. for four years. Then they moved to Blue Mountain, Miss., where he joined the teaching faculty at BMC. She began teaching in 1946. When he died in 1965 he had been president of the college for five years.

For Frances Landrum Tyler "life is so much fun." She is a bundle of energy and laughter. But she has brilliance and depth, too. When she was in college, she told me, she wrote on a BSU folder that she wanted her life work to be "the furtherance of the gospel."

From this evolved her life goal: "Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise." During her hour a day at the piano she always includes "Spirit of the Living God," and for every guest at her house she plays "Joy to the World."

As I was leaving she brought out three candles—pink candles—and lighted them with three wishes—a tradition she has carried on for years at her house—"We light three candles for you, my dear... one is for memory, old steadfast as a star... one for days to be... and one for days that are... every one a fire-bloom, and every one a prayer."

(Continued next week)

Revival Dates

Gatesville Baptist Church, Crystal Springs: June 4-6; Thomas Goza, evangelist; Willie Wright, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Lake Harbor (Rankin): May 30-June 4; Jack Glaze, director, department of religion, Mississippi College, preaching Sunday and Monday on evangelism; Roy Clark, pastor at Lake Harbor, preaching Tuesday and Wed. on stewardship; Kermit McGregor, pastor, Morrison Heights, Clinton, preaching Thurs. and Fri. on the Second Coming; services at 7 p.m.; Bobby Taggart, leading the music.

Sunshine Church (Rankin): May 30-June 4; Byron Malone, pastor, Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, evangelist; Bob Coleman, minister of music and education, Sunshine, music evangelist; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekdays 7:30 p.m.; Sam Crael, pastor.

Calvary (Jasper): May 31-June 6; at 7:30 p.m.; Paul Ragland, evangelist; W. O. Partridge, pastor.

Homecomings

Arlington Baptist Church near Bogue Chitto (Lincoln County): homecoming day, Sunday, May 30; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m.; old-fashioned dinner on the grounds; fellowship in the afternoon; Robert (Bob) Wilson, pastor, Osceola, Ar., morning speaker; Don Manuel, interim pastor.

Friendship Baptist Church, Route 2, Brookhaven: Sunday, May 30 homecoming; Sunday school at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11; old-fashioned dinner on the ground at noon; afternoon service; guest speaker, James Alford Case, who grew up in Friendship community and is a former member of Friendship and is now interim pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lincoln County; Wiley Reid, pastor.

Kreole Avenue Baptist Church, Moss Point: held homecoming day on May 2. Joe Blackwell, Kosciusko, former pastor at Kreole Avenue, preached at 11 a.m. Van Windham of Hattiesburg spoke at 2 p.m. Dinner was served on the grounds. Dan Hembree is pastor.

Souenovie Baptist Church: homecoming Sunday, May 30; services beginning at 10 a.m.; Jimmy Garrard, guest speaker; lunch served at noon; singing in the afternoon; Parker Chancellor, pastor.

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Sandhill, in Rankin County: plans to have homecoming and memorial services May 30. This will include 11 a.m. preaching; dinner on the grounds, and fellowship time. Jimmy Young will speak. David Boyd is chairman of the homecoming committee.

Ora Church, Collins: homecoming on Sunday, May 30; special music at the morning service, plus a sermon delivered by former pastor, Emory May; dinner in fellowship hall; music program in the afternoon, and an address by Jerry Slonaker, pastor; three objectives to be promoted—high attendance day in Sunday School; the history of the church to be read; paying off the church debt of about \$4,000.

Rock Hill Church, Rt. 2, Brandon: homecoming day May 30; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m., with Curtiss James, former pastor, preaching; lunch at noon; fellowship and singing in the afternoon, with different groups presenting special music; James Smith, pastor; George Styron, minister of music.

Tiptersville Church (Tippah): homecoming May 30; John D. Hopper, Jr., pastor, South Side Church, Meridian, speaker at 11 a.m. service; Donald Hopper, Jackson, Tenn., leading the song service; dinner on the grounds; special singing in the afternoon; Barron Pilgrim, pastor.

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Absalom's revolt, David's escape

By Howard E. Spell, Clinton
2 Samuel 14:21-23-24; 15:2-6,10,13-14
I. Absalom brought back to Jerusalem (14:21, 23-24)

We noted in the last lesson that Absalom fled to Geshur, home of his father-in-law, following the murder of Amnon. After three years, Joab could see that David's heart was toward Absalom (14:1) and he devised a scheme for having Absalom brought back to Jerusalem.

Joab, in his unique position, could see two sides of a tragic picture. He naturally discerned Absalom's increasing popularity with the people and probably sensed that he was becoming more embittered toward his father; but, knowing David as he did, he could see that the king loved this son. Continual estrangement could lead to serious trouble. Verses 1-21 of chapter 14 should be read to understand what Joab did to bring the two together. Although David could see the hand of Joab in the plot, he did order that Absalom be brought back to Jerusalem, but that he return to his own house and not see the face of his father.

This state of affairs continued for two full years—Absalom living in the same city with his father, but not being permitted to see him. Thus five years had elapsed since there had been any direct contact between the two. Near the end of two years, Absalom tried twice to get Joab to come to see him with the idea of getting him to arrange an audience with the king for him.

Joab refused to see him, and Absalom finally decided on a rather drastic move. He had his servants to set fire to Joab's barley field. This brought some action, for Joab came to Absalom seeking an explanation for the destruction of his crop. When Absalom explained his deed and told Joab he might as well have stayed in Geshur, Joab did go to David and arranged for Absalom to see him. We are given no details of the meeting except that Absalom bowed himself to the ground and that David kissed his son. What was said between the two we are not told.

II. Absalom's strategy (15:2-6)

Having been accepted by his father (14:33), Absalom lost little time in making himself more visible in Jerusalem. With his natural beauty and with 50 men to run before his chariot Absalom set about creating an image for himself. It is not folly to assume these men were hand picked,

and really constituted a bodyguard and a nucleus of others to be selected later.

In an earlier lesson reference was made to David's judicial system, and the only recorded criticism of it came from Absalom who had a selfish motive in what he said. Near the gates of ancient cities groups would gather to talk about their crops or herds, the weather, and about politics as well. Many not so serious disputes were settled there and minor civil trials adjudicated.

Absalom made a practice of going down to the city gate early in the morning to meet people who had cases to be settled. He would quickly agree that they had a good case or a justifiable complaint, and often lamented that the king had appointed no one to settle their differences. Then he made it a point of saying, "Oh, that one would appoint me judge in the land, then every man who has any suit or cause could come to me and I would give him justice!" (15:4 NASV).

Since he likely wore the robes or insignia of a prince, when people saw him, they would come near to prostrate themselves before him, but he would put out his hand and kiss them. One can easily imagine this gave the people something to talk about, and to remark that they liked him. He seemed to be one of them. The result, says the Scripture, was that Absalom stole away the hearts of the people (15:6). Many people are easily beguiled by one who has a charming manner.

III. The revolt of Absalom (15:10, 13-14)

The Bible gives us only the barest outline of Absalom's devious scheme. How he selected the spies he sent throughout all Israel or how many there were we are not told. It is possible that during his three-year stay in Geshur, Absalom had been laying the groundwork for discontent with those in the northern part of David's kingdom.

At first glance one may wonder that Absalom would select Hebron as the scene for the beginning of his open revolt. Some reflection, however, would lead to the realization that David's greatest strength was in the area around Hebron. He had been king there for seven and one-half years, and the people knew him. If Absalom could gain their support, the rest should be easy, for in the territory north of

Jerusalem there were those who still felt some loyalty to the family of Saul and resented David.

One can only feel revulsion in Absalom's going to David (15:7-9) and requesting permission to go to Hebron to pay a vow he had made. David apparently had no question about his sincerity and allowed him to go in peace. It is interesting to note that the 200 men who went with him went innocently (15:11). He must have felt some elation, however, in getting Ahithophel, David's counselor, to go with him.

One of the major unanswered questions in all of this has to do with David's declaring Jerusalem an open city. It was an easily defended stronghold, and it does not seem likely Absalom's forces could have taken it. Did David fear there were traitors in the city? Did he want to save the city and its inhabitants from destruction? Did he feel his forces were much superior to Absalom's in open field maneuvering? The truth may be in a combination of all of these.

In this lesson we see an excellent illustration of what happens when evil is not faced and dealt with. We also see some ways in which God's purpose for Christian lives is sometimes hindered.

Hegwood named director of year

The Church Training department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has named Gerald Hegwood, pastor of First Baptist Church of Helena, near Pascagoula, as associational Church Training director of the year. Hegwood was recognized during the recent associational officers' meeting at Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson. He was chosen from 75 associations made up of 1,925 churches.

Hegwood has been pastor at First Baptist, Helena, for four years and has served as Jackson County Baptist associational Church Training director for three years. Norman Rodgers, consultant, Church Training, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said that his work as associational director has been outstanding.



Hegwood
Woods Baptist Church, Jackson. He was chosen from 75 associations made up of 1,925 churches.

School prayer supporters pledge no convention fight

By Stan Hasty and Larry Chesser
WASHINGTON (BP)—Conservative Southern Baptist leaders who support President Reagan's call for a constitutional amendment on prayer in public schools said they will not press the matter during the upcoming meeting of the convention in New Orleans.

In interviews with Baptist Press before and after Reagan's May 6 announcement that he will soon submit such a proposal to congress, Houston appeals court judge Paul Pressler and SBC resolutions committee chairman Norris W. Sydnor Jr. said they do not intend to make school prayer an issue

in New Orleans. Asked if the controversial subject will be part of his inerrantist group's agenda at the annual meeting, Pressler replied, "I have no agenda—I never have." Pressler said he did not know how he was invited to the Rose Garden ceremony, attended by more than 100 religious leaders.

Sydnor, who described Reagan's support of a prayer amendment as "one of the greatest initiatives the president has made," nevertheless renewed an earlier promise not to pursue any pet issues in his role as chairman of the powerful resolutions committee. He said that while he intends to work individually for passage of the amendment, he will not ask the convention to endorse it.

Other Southern Baptists invited to the White House ceremony included Dorothy Patterson, Adrian Rogers and Edward E. McAteer. Patterson said she and her husband, inerrantist leader Paige Patterson have long supported the return of formalized prayer to the nation's classrooms.

Rogers, though invited and sought out by White House aides virtually until the last minute to stand with President and Mrs. Reagan during the brief ceremony, did not attend. But McAteer, who heads The Roundtable and belongs to Rogers' congregation in Memphis, said his pastor supports the constitutional amendment. In Rogers' absence, McAteer was asked to stand

on the platform with other leaders. Meanwhile, two Baptist church-state specialists joined other national religious leaders in denouncing the president's proposal at a Capitol Hill press conference.

John W. Baker, general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, warned that involving government in prayer would "trivialize and secularize" it.

"Truly voluntary prayer has never been and could not be banned from public schools," he said. "What was banned was the use of the coercive power of the state to promote the religion of whichever religious group was dominant in a particular school district."

R. G. Puckett, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said his organization opposed a school prayer amendment because it would violate the "spirit and intent" of the First Amendment and would prove divisive.

Puckett denied the claims of amendment proponents that God had been thrown out of public school classrooms by the 1962 and 1963 Supreme Court rulings.

Puckett said it is "rather faulty theology" to assume that God could be removed from the classroom by the Supreme Court or restored to it by Congress.

(Hasty and Chesser write for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.)

Cliff Temple prepares for Pottsville, Pa.

Youths of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Natchez, have been raising funds for a summer mission trip to Pottsville, Pa.

Around 30 youths and adults plan to spend July 15-29 in Pottsville doing backyard Bible studies, survey work, puppet ministry, and personal witnessing.

In a recent fund-raising walkathon, the youngest participant was a four-year-old girl. The oldest, age 78, received over \$100 in pledges. Over \$4,000 has been raised toward the \$6,000 goal.

Members of Cliff Temple became aware of needs in Pennsylvania last year during a world missions conference, and after a revival trip that the Cliff Temple pastor, W. G. Dowdy, and Mrs. Dowdy, made to Tamqua, Pa. Because of these events, the church now helps with the monthly expenses of the pastor in Pottsville.

"Bold Mission Thrust has become a reality at Cliff Temple," said Dowdy, "through the Cooperative Program, our annual mission offerings, special support, and our mission trip."

Maceio, Brazil (BP)—Southern Baptists are sending aid totaling \$3,000 to victims of a mudslide which killed 10 people and left another 500 homeless in the Brazilian city of Maceio April 22. Pastors of the two Baptist churches in the area were to distribute food and blankets through the community centers, also opening opportunities for evangelism.

Devotional

What time I am afraid

By Anthony S. Kay, pastor, First, Calhoun City

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee (Psalm 56:3)
Fear is a central part of life. All of us have it at some time or another. We tend to fear many things about life. We worry about being inadequate and about unfavorable opinions of us. We also fear that our bodies will become diseased, and

we fear the unknown. Many today are fearful that they will be economically insecure. Whatever our fear, we can rise above it. We can conquer it. May I suggest that we have:

FAITH IN GOD—Someone has said that "Fear knocked at the door, faith answered, no one was there."

Herbert Hoover stated, "I lost my fears in the power of the Lord." What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. May I further suggest that we:

STAND UP TO FEAR—Look it in the eye and overcome it.

Norman Vincent Peale relates a story of the Civil War told by Smiley Blanton. A certain captain of the Confederate Calvary stood to mount his horse before an important battle. He knew what the battle was going to be like and he was scared. With legs shaking like aspen leaves, he looked down at them and said, "If you knew where I am going to take you today, you wouldn't shake, you would collapse." Then he got on his horse and rode into battle. We need to stand up to our fear.

As we face our days, fear may raise its head but when it does, let us say with the psalmist, What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.



Kay

Life and Work Lesson

Fear, love, and ministry

By James L. Travis
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Deuteronomy 10:12-21; 11:26

If you are wondering how the three terms in the above title fit together, that is understandable. It seems at first glance that these three concepts can scarcely belong in the same sentence. To be sure, one can see that love and the ministry are closely linked when the latter gives shape to the former, or when ministry occurs because of one's love for fellow humans and for one's God. Also, you might make a case for fear and ministry being linked together. It may be that we are afraid of incurring God's wrath if we do not in some fashion attempt to minister to the needs of other people. So all our good and noble efforts to bring care and comfort to others are tainted, because at the bottom line these efforts are self-serving. But in the passage before us, all three concepts—fear, love, and ministry—relate in a powerful and integrated fashion.

I. A new face for fear (10:12-13): When the writer of Deuteronomy speaks of God's requirement of his people, it is not to cast aside the notion of freedom that is involved in God's people choosing whether they will follow him. The blessing and the curse set before God's people (verse 11:26) reminds us that there is daily choice as to one's response to God.

This "requirement" is more in terms of a powerful invitation to follow the path that leads to fulfillment and abundance. Interestingly enough that path brings one first of all to a fear of the Lord God. Commentators have pointed out that this is not the kind of fear that we often experience in life. In fact, one may make the important distinction between fear as terror and fear as awe. In the former shape, fear grows out of one's sense of emptiness, worthlessness and feelings of great inadequacy. That type of fear leads to inordinate defense mechanisms by which one escapes or hides. This is the fear of Adam in the garden after the moment of disobedience and the resulting sense of nakedness and shame. He was afraid, terrified, and so he hid. Fear as awe, while similar in sensation, is yet fundamentally different in that it grows out of a respectful awareness of a reality which transcends our life. It is the fear of the shepherds on the hillside in the face of the angelic

vision. This fear does not lead into hiding, but out into an open confrontation with reality and truth. It leads to obedience, the willingness to lay claim to what God places before an individual in terms of gift and challenge. It finds the shepherds, with great risk, leaving the security of their hillside to go into Bethlehem and see the great thing which had come to pass.

Fear in this latter sense includes the other aspects of this admonition: (1) walking in God's ways, (2) loving him, (3) serving God with all one's being, and (4) keeping the commandments and statutes of the Lord.

II. A new meaning for an old ritual (10:14-16): This writer, as does the author of the later chapters of Isaiah, draws upon the inclusiveness of God's creative power to sharpen the paradox in God's choice of the little nation of Israel. With the heaven and all that lies beyond the heavens belonging to and having origin in the creativity of God, the fact that God chose Abraham and his descendants stands out as all the more incredible.

Amazing as this choice was, however, there is the constant possibility that it will be overlooked or at least depreciated by those who were chosen. As a way of graphically admonishing Israel to continue to be open to the unbelievable mercy and love of God, the writer of Deuteronomy harkens back to an ancient ritual which had characterized the Jewish nation from its beginning. This was the ritual of circumcision.

We cannot be sure as to the full meaning of that ritual in its early form. No doubt it had to do with a sense of dedication and cleansing. In this context the ritual itself is spiritualized and used as a vivid word picture to encourage an open embrace of the wonder of God's loving choice. Stubbornness in the sense of closed mindedness and rigidity could only shortchange Israel at the point of appreciating and appropriating the love that was theirs.

III. A new basis of ministry (10:17-21): This section moves with a hymnic rhythm as the powerful attributes of God are enumerated. And yet this awesome and mighty God who cannot be swayed or bribed is attentive to the needs of the disenfranchised and defeated in life. Justice and love form themes out of which this mighty God attends to the needs of those who are

without power themselves—the fatherless, the widow, and even the outsider ("sojourner").

Israel's response to God in fearing him, walking in all his ways, loving him, is to take specific shape in loving the sojourner in some fashion just as God loves her. This love is not to pay back God for having delivered them from Egypt nor is this love for the sojourner designed to incorporate those outsiders into the religious culture and life of Israel. Rather, this love of the sojourner is formed out of a sense of overwhelming gratitude because deliverance had been experienced at the hand of God. Moreover, this ministry of love was to be informed by the acute awareness of their own identity with the outsiders. Israel, too, had once been sojourner in the land of bondage. Consequently, the alien person in their midst would never fully be alien in the sense that Israel, too, knew what it was like to be alien, homeless, bereft of a support base of care and compassion.

How relevant this is for our intent and practice of ministry today. The basis is the same. We are to love God by loving our neighbor. We are to love our neighbor not so as to pay God back for loving us (that debt could never be paid). Rather, we are to minister in love and acceptance out of the great gratitude which we experience in the awareness of our own deliverance. Moreover, that ministry is infused with an abiding sense that even the most different and wretched kind of person to whom we might minister is yet linked to us at the point of our own wretchedness and "sojourning" experiences.

Copiah Association elects officers

Copiah Baptist Association met on May 3 at Harmony Baptist Church, having 22 churches represented, and a total present 143.

The following were elected as officers of the association for 1982-1983: moderator: Jerry Kennedy; vice moderator: Billy Thames; clerk: George Page; treasurer: Ragan Walters; asst. treasurer: Buddy Donahue; Sunday School director: Maurice Patrick; Church Training director: Duwayne Tullis; Brotherhood director: Everett Thornton; W.M.U.: Mrs. M. G. King; music director: Don Brown; pastor-youth advisor: Danny Watkins; family life coordinator: Danny Watkins.

Uniform Lesson

All things made new

By Louie Farmer, Jr., Hattiesburg
Revelation 21:1-7; 22-27

Remember when all the transportation you had was that old clunker that every time you wanted to start it the battery was down, or it had a flat tire, and you were constantly afraid to go anywhere because you might have to walk home? Well, what were you wishing for all that time? Of course, you were dreaming of a new car that would always start and always get you where you needed to go. How proud you were when that new car became a reality! The Jewish people had a big dream, too.

That big dream of the Jews and of the Christians was to be free from the persecution and other pressures of evil around them and to have "a new heaven and a new earth." This had been the dream of the Jewish people for many generations, but under Roman persecution the need became more and more intense among the Christian churches in Asia.

In our study of Revelation we were introduced to the churches in Asia and their needs; we looked, with John, at visions of the judgments to come against the enemies of God, at the destruction of these enemies, and at the final judgment of all people. In today's lesson we finish our study of Revelation as we look, through John's eyes, at the destiny of the followers of Christ, as all things are made new.

I. A new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21:1)

After the final judgment John saw a new heaven and a new earth—that ancient dream of the Jewish people. The first heaven and the first earth (those which now exist) disappeared and the sea vanished. There have been many reasons advanced as to why John mentioned that the sea vanished. Perhaps it is sufficient reason that the sea was an agent of separation between John and the churches he so dearly loved and so sorely missed.

II. The new Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2, 9-21)

John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven. The new Jerusalem is alluded to in Hebrews 11:10 and 16 and is mentioned by name in Hebrews 12:22.

God had prepared this city and it was "all dolled up" like a bride for her husband. Most mothers of brides can understand the thrill and the meaning of his description. Most fathers who have paid the bills for their daughters'

bridal gowns can understand that this description means God did not skimp on the adornment of the holy city.

Later in this chapter (9-21), John was taken to the top of a high mountain and shown the new Jerusalem by one of the seven angels (see 15:1). The description of the city tells of its fabulous construction materials and of its tremendous size.

III. God in new Jerusalem (Rev. 21:3-7)

A voice from the throne in heaven spoke. We are not told whose voice it was. It was either God or the Lamb. I have considerable trouble in Revelation with the doctrine of the Trinity. John does not always clearly distinguish between God, the Father, and God, the Son.

We have already mentioned the holy city coming down from heaven. The whole point of its descent from heaven is, as the voice said, "Now God's home will be with men!" (TEV). During the history of the Jewish people God was symbolically in the holy of holies. Only the priests could approach God. Now look a few verses ahead of where we are and see (in verse 22) that John saw no temple in the new Jerusalem. The picture is that all the redeemed will be in the holy city and God will live with them and be their God. In Revelation 1:6, 5:10 and 20:6 we are told that the redeemed shall be priests, meaning that they have direct access to God at all times and there is no need for a temple in the new Jerusalem.

In this environment where God lives among his people and is their God all tears, death, grief, crying, and pain would be unthinkable. So all these will disappear.

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, new (kainos) all things I make." This is the word order of the Greek with the word, "new," placed first for emphasis. The word means new of a different form or quality rather than new referring to time.

I seem to sense that John was overcome by what he was seeing and hearing, so he hesitated. He was snapped back to his writing by being told to "Write, for these words are faithful and true." The choice of Greek verbs make it probable that this injunction to write came from an angel. Remember, John had been told to write what he saw and to send the book to the churches in Asia.

Then the one on the throne added, "It

is done." We are not sure what was done, but it probably refers to the things mentioned in verses 1-5. He claimed to be the Alpha and Omega (first and last letters of the Greek alphabet), the beginning and the end. God is not only the source but the goal of everything. All life begins in God and has its goal in God.

Any who are thirsty will receive living water abundantly and without cost. All the abundance of God and the resources of God are at the disposal of the redeemed in the new Jerusalem.

God promised that the one who overcomes will receive all these wonderful things he had been talking about. This reminds us of the promise near the end of each of the letters to the seven churches of Asia (Rev. 2 and 3).

IV. Glory in the new Jerusalem (Rev. 21:22-27)

Although for many generations there had been a tabernacle or a temple in which was the symbolic dwelling place for God, no such thing was needed in the new Jerusalem because God and the Lamb make the temple unnecessary.

When God dwelt in the holy city there was no need for the sun or the moon. It was possible for the people of the holy city to walk in the light of the glory of God and the Lamb.

The gates of the city were never closed. Nothing defiled or false was allowed to enter the city. Only those whose names were in the Lamb's book of life were allowed to enter.

What a perfectly wonderful place to spend eternity! And in such glorious company!

Conclusion: (Rev. 22:20,21)

Since this is the last of our series of studies on Revelation, let us look at the closing words in Revelation 22:20,21. John writes the final words of Jesus (cf. 1:2) thus: "Certainly so! I am coming soon!" (TEV)

John adds, "So be it: Come, Lord Jesus!" He seems to be saying "Come on, Lord, I'm ready."

To the words of John, this writer would like to reply, "Even so, come Lord Jesus" (KJV). I'm ready! Reader friend, are you ready?

And let us close our study of Revelation as Revelation, itself, closes, "May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with all."

The hen of our neighbor appears to us a goose, says the Oriental proverb.—Mme. Deluzy

